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Billing for the APV Institutional Fee for Medical Service Accounts (MSAs)

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Length: Approximately 30 minutes

Objectives

- Identify system issue with 99199 in MSA module in CHCS
- Review temporary billing method
- Identify impacted patients
- Review billing method & planned effective date

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What is “99199” and Why is it Special?

- The MHS computer system cannot generate both an institutional (UB 92) and professional (CMS1500) bill from one code
  - In the civilian sector, CPT code 62268 Percutaneous aspiration of spinal cord cyst
    - **On a CMS 1500 = the doctor’s service**
    - **On the UB 92 = the ambulatory surgery center fee**

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What is “99199” and Why is it Special?

- Until the system is updated, the MHS must bill a flat rate for the institutional component

- “99199” is the code the Military Health System uses to indicate the institutional component of an ambulatory procedure visit.

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99199 in MSA

- Due to a programming error, the 99199 was not included in the rate package effective in CHCS 14 Sept 2005
- This error was identified after the rate package was submitted to CHCS
- The error was corrected in TPOCS
    - Will not affect TPC or MAC

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Temporary Billing Method

- Review the Preview lists in CHCS:
  - DD7A outpatient billing preview list
  - MSA outpatient itemized billing preview list
- When the CPT code 99199 is reported
  - Check to make sure the patient actually had an ambulatory procedure visit (APV)
  - If you find someone using 99199 for something other than the institutional component of an APV, show them the “Use of CPT Code 99199” letter

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Temporary Billing Method (cont.)

- When the 99199 is reported for a billable MSA encounter you will have to enter in a “one time charge” to bill for the APV facility fee
- The APV facility fee is $819.18
- The bill form will be either an Invoice & Receipt (I&R) or the DD7A

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Potential MSA Patients Impacted

- VA patients (part of the VA/DoD sharing agreement program)
- DoD contractors, DoD teachers, or civilian emergencies that have procedures done in the ambulatory procedure unit (APU)
- Interagency patients (IAR) (e.g., Coast Guard)
- Foreign national patients
- Other

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MSA 99199 Billing Method

- Simple fix – 99199 will be added to the CMAC files for all 90 localities with the next rate update
- Once the update is made – the MTFs will no longer have to continue this manual process
- Next rate update is scheduled for June of 2006

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Summary

- CPT Code 99199 is not in the CMAC file for the rates effective 14 September 2005 in CHCS
- MTFs shall continue to bill for the APV facility fee by using the ‘one time charge’ process in the MSA module
- Will be corrected with the next rate update
- Any questions?

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